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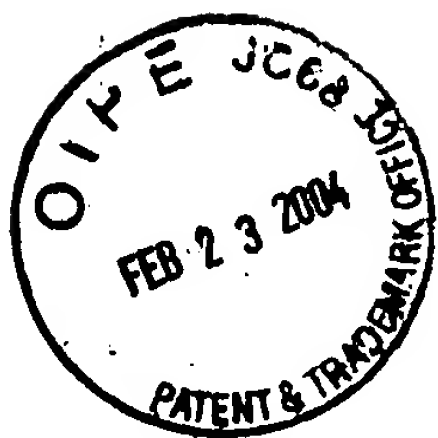
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 21, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. An extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2003, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.